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THEIR USE AS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTIC REAGENTS

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the comments in the Office Action of December 29, 2005, applicants submit the following remarks.